

June 13, 2011

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Re: FOIA Disclosure Act Control #11-F1-R09-01387

Dear Mr. Campbell,

We have reviewed your letter dated June 9, 2011 requesting our organization to return 125 pages in documents received from your office under our FOIA request dated March 23, 2011. Please send us a copy of the letter dated June 2, 2011 received by your office from the submitter's counsel.

Since your investigation into the allegations made by the submitter's counsel in their letter dated June 2, 2011 is still pending, we feel it premature for you to ask us for our copy to be returned before your office knows if anything was improperly disclosed. Otherwise your FOIA obligations to our organization may be violated.

Nancy Vernon Marino and I, both co-directors of our organization, agree as of the date of your letter not to provide any copies of the documents or discuss the contents of them to any third-party until this matter is resolved and the pages improperly disclosed, if any, are identified. We do not have any electronic copies but we do have one hard copy in our possession.

Furthermore, please be advised that we did not create any electronic versions of the documents and we did not make any copies. We lent the original documents to a community member under the pretenses that they were public documents. How many copies the community member may have made, we do not know. In fact, we have little knowledge of and no control over what has happened to any copies that may have been made since lending it out. We have no knowledge of any electronic scans that may have been made and/or the location of these documents, if any, on servers, databases or websites as demanded in your letter. Finally, we are not authorized to provide the personal details (phone number and address) of the community member to whom we lent the original documents.

With this letter, we provide assurances regarding the cease and desist until this matter is resolved and we have provided the information demanded in numbers 1 and 3.

We await your conclusion of the investigation. If any documents are found to have been improperly disclosed by your office, please let us know which ones, and they will be promptly returned to your office.

Sincerely,



David Barish
Co-Director